

Town of East Windsor

Water Pollution Control Authority Advisory

The Centers for Disease Control recommends cleaning surfaces with disinfecting wipes to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Many people are following the recommendations of public health officials to clean and sterilize countertops, doorknobs, faucets, and other frequently touched surfaces. It is important to discard those items in the trash, not the toilet.

Don't use the Toilet as a Trash Can

Only the Three P's belong in the Toilet

Pee, Poop, and Toilet Paper

Period

Anything else – including **WIPES** is going to cause problems with your home plumbing and with the East Windsor sanitary sewer system and clog the pumps that convey the wastewater from the 10 sewage pump stations to the Water Pollution Control Facility at 192 South Water Street.

Coping with the Coronavirus is causing problems in the wastewater collection system. Sewage systems and toilets are backing up as consumers clean their homes and residences with disinfectant wipes and turn to paper towels, napkins, and baby wipes to cope with the lack of toilet paper.

Flushing wipes, paper towels and similar products down toilets will clog sewers and cause backups and overflows at wastewater treatment facilities, causing an additional public health risk in the midst of this Coronavirus pandemic.

Even wipes labeled “flushable” will clog pipes and interfere with the sewage collection and pumping systems. Most sewers are designed to flow by gravity and were not designed to convey paper towels napkins or wipes. These wipes and paper towels do not break down like toilet paper, and therefore clog systems very quickly. Wipes are among the leading cause of sewer system backups.

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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation